

HOUSE BILL No. 1395

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-14-1-6.

Synopsis: Prohibition on wearing uniform in campaign. Amends the law against soliciting votes or campaign funds while wearing a uniform to eliminate the exception under which a state police department employee, a police officer, or a firefighter can consent to a photograph that appears in an advertisement in support of a candidate or political party and that shows the state police department employee, police officer, or firefighter in uniform.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-14-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 6. (a) A state police department
3 employee or a police officer or firefighter (including a special duty,
4 auxiliary, or volunteer police officer or firefighter) of a political
5 subdivision who recklessly:
6 (1) solicits votes or campaign funds;
7 (2) challenges voters; or
8 (3) performs any other election related function;
9 while wearing any identifying insignia or article of clothing that is part
10 of an official uniform or while on duty commits a Class A
11 misdemeanor.
12 (b) This section does not prohibit any of the following:
13 (1) A state police department civilian employee from voting while
14 on duty.
15 (2) A police officer or firefighter from voting while wearing any
16 part of an official uniform or while on duty.
17 (3) ~~An individual described in subsection (a) from consenting to~~
18 ~~a photograph (or other visual depiction) of the individual wearing~~



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1 any part of the individual's official uniform appearing in an
2 advertisement in support of a candidate or political party.

3 ~~(4)~~ (3) An individual from serving as a pollbook holder under
4 IC 3-6-6-36.

5 ~~(5)~~ (4) A police officer wearing any identifying insignia or article
6 of clothing that is part of an official uniform or while on duty
7 from serving as an absentee ballot courier appointed under
8 IC 3-11.5-4-22.

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